

MRS. CLARK APPEARS IN COURT TODAY INDICTMENT SOUGHT IN HALL MURDER

3 Others in Net Which Simpson Has Newly Woven

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 21.—With the arrest yesterday of Mrs. Minna Clark, Sunday school teacher, and rival of Mrs. Eleanor Mills for the attentions of the Rev. Edward W. Hall, Prosecutor Simpson will ask the grand jury today for the indictment of three other persons in the four-year-old murder mystery.

Weakened by illness and sobbing hysterically, Mrs. Clark was taken yesterday from her New Brunswick home and committed to the Somerset county jail, charged by Simpson as accessory to the fact in the slaying of Dr. Hall and his choir singer sweetheart.

She will be arraigned at 2 o'clock this afternoon before Judge Cleary of Common Pleas, who will decide whether the evidence warrants presentation to the jury and if she may be freed on bail.

At 10.30 a. m., before Mrs. Clark is arraigned, Simpson will appear before the jury and ask for the woman's indictment. He probably will urge that she be held without bail.

Witnesses Who Appear Today

Those who appear as witnesses before the grand jury this morning include:—

Ralph Gorsline, New Brunswick vestryman, named with Mrs. Clark as the pair who spied upon Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills during their romance; Katherine Rastall, the young woman who accompanied Gorsline to a rendezvous in De Russey's Lane the night of the murder; Jacob Van Pelt, New Brunswick garage owner, to whom Gorsline confided four years ago that he had been in the lane with Miss Rastall; Joseph H. Porter, New Brunswick banker, who figured in the sale of the Phillips



Mrs. E. Mills



Alex Simpson

farm, where Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills met their death; Samuel L. Levine, owner of the Phillips farm, who will be questioned as to his knowledge of the slain couple's activities there; the Rev. J. Mervin Pettit, Dr. Hall's successor as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, New Brunswick; Mrs. Robert Ross and Mrs. Myles Ross of New Brunswick, employers, respectively, of Barbara Tough and Louise Geist, former maids in the home.

Senator Simpson will probably bring to Somerville today former State Trooper Henry Dyckman, now a prisoner on Governors Island.

Dyckman, who worked on the original Hall-Mills investigation, said he received a \$2,500 bribe three years ago to "forget everything" and leave the state.

While curious neighbors stood bareheaded in a driving rainstorm, Detective Capt. Harry Walsh, Sergt. Richard Burke, accompanied by state troopers, arrived at 134 Redmond St. yesterday afternoon.

Forcing their way past a maid

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Taken From Her Bed to a Cell



MRS. MINNA CLARK (shown above with a detective) protested that she was too ill to leave her home to defend herself against Attorney Simpson's charge of being an accessory in the Hall-Mills murder. But she bore the ordeal well, except that she objected to photographers—and with partial success. (Photo Graphic.)

Gas Overcomes 7 Tots Asleep in Bed at Home

Seven children were overcome by gas as they lay asleep in bed at their home, 127½ Dikeman St., Brooklyn, today. Neighbors notified Patrolman Ferrara of Hamilton Avenue station, who entered the apartment and shut off a jet on the kitchen range.

Thos. Mott Osborne Dies Suddenly

AUBURN, N. Y., Oct. 21 (By U. P.).—Thomas Mott Osborne, former warden of Sing Sing prison and noted prison reformer, dropped dead on the street early today. He was returning from a theater here shortly after midnight when he collapsed. He was 67 years old.

Mr. Osborne was internationally known as a prison reformer. Although a millionaire, he served as warden that he might put into practice some of his theories.

THE WEATHER

THURSDAY, OCT. 21, 1926.



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST
LOCAL—Cloudy, warmer; fresh to strong northwest wind.
EASTERN NEW YORK—Partly cloudy with showers in north portion; not much change in temperature.

Hurricane Sweeps Cuba Killing and Injuring Many, Causing \$1,000,000 Damage

HAVANA, Oct. 21.—The toll of deaths caused by the terrific West Indian hurricane which swept over Cuba stood at twenty today. Hundreds are injured and many homes and buildings are razed.

Controller Berry Says Tax Rate May Be Lowered Point

Although the budget as proposed for adoption by the Board of Estimate after consideration of the 1927 tentative budget is \$474,893,300, the largest in the city's history, Controller Berry believes that possibly the basic tax rate of \$2.68 on each \$100 of assessable taxable valuation may be reduced one point and at any event will not be raised.

Realization of that possibility, he said, would depend upon several variable factors which at present could not be accurately computed.

Nurse Denies Man Visited Evangelist In Her Hotel Room

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Oct. 21.—Through the testimony of Miss Florence Underwood, a nurse who was attending a patient in the Hotel Ambassador here while Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson was there last fall, and who declared she never had seen a man in Mrs. McPherson's room, the evangelist, on trial for conspiracy, sought to counteract allegations that Kenneth G. Ormiston, radio operator at her temple, had visited her in the hotel.

Miss Underwood said a man about 5 feet 9 inches tall and of slight build had been employed to wheel Miss Underwood's patient in and out of Room 329, across from Room 330, and in pursuance of this task had appeared near the evangelist's room about five times each day.

GET ALLEGED ABSCONDER

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 21.—Charles E. Knapp, wanted on the charge of defrauding the Brotherhood Savings and Trust Company out of \$320,000, was arrested last night near Connellsville. He was said to have only \$800 in his possession.

Man Killed by Carbon Gas At Wheel of Automobile

MAMARONECK, N. Y., Oct. 20.—James H. Lewis, 44, 521 Lake Shore Drive, was found dead in his car tonight. He had been dead approximately a week, apparently the victim of carbon monoxide poisoning.

TEAR GAS GUNS NEW WEAPONS FOR POLICE

PONTIAC.—Pontiac's Police Department has been armed with tear gas to be used in the future whenever it may be necessary to break up mobs or enter barricaded places. Gas shells for revolvers and shotguns have been provided the department. The gas is said to be blinding for a period of half an hour, but is harmless in its after effects.

The monument to the battleship Maine is leveled. Water stands fifteen feet high in many of the business streets. In the higher portions of the town streets are littered with branches of trees and wreckage.

The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Many vessels in Havana Harbor were sunk by the storm, which attained a velocity of 130 miles an hour and raged for six hours yesterday. Waves twenty-five feet high plunged over the harbor sea wall during the gale.

Camp Columbia, headquarters of the Cuban army, is a mass of wreckage. Many stables in Oriental Park, Havana's big racing plant, have been razed. The city's beautiful Prado is virtually ruined. The beautiful thoroughfare is ripped up and littered with debris.

Many of the refugees have taken refuge in the Sevilla-Biltmore Hotel.

While the first aid work was going on, word was received that communication could not be established with the Isle of Pines, where the storm is reported to have been most severe.

Plan to Rebuild Razed Church

Members of the Crawford Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, 218th Street and White Plains Avenue, are making plans to obtain a structure to house the congregation temporarily as a result of the disastrous fire that wrecked the building, and are preparing to raise new church.

Dr. Ralph Welles Keeler, pastor of the church, was heartbroken when the three-alarm fire left nothing but a shell of the church, but is leading the work of reconstruction. The fire destroyed a church property valued at \$175,000. Only the outer walls of the church are left standing.



Rev. R. W. Keeler